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along with these other measures a minimum wage act should be passed.

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Nearly one hundred pages are devoted to an analysis of the marketing and rural credits problem in Texas, with more or less theoretical discussion. Some valuable suggestions are made with reference to the proper steps to be taken at the present time. A selected bibliography is appended.

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Like many other studies of rural credit this is largely made up of unorganized material gleaned partly from the reports of the American Commission and a few pamphlets on European credit and partly from a very inadequate survey of local conditions, facilities, and needs. There are also some interesting statements regarding banking, credits, and rural development in California. The greater part of the study is devoted to a report of a committee of twelve, appointed by the Commonwealth Club, three of whom had served on the American Commission.

This report reviews the credit situation in Europe, lays emphasis on the necessity of federal or state support, aid, or guarantee in establishing some system of farm mortgage credit, and approves the issuance of bonds secured by farm mortgages and guaranteed in some way by government authority. In advocating governmental assistance, the committee emphasizes European precedent, which many superficial students seem to think a *sine qua non* of the successful credit scheme of Europe. As a matter of fact, government aid to rural credit plays a very small part in many countries and systems abroad, as little, indeed, as government aid to mercantile or industrial credit. Moreover, the tendency is away from rather than toward governmental aid.

An interesting statement is made by Dr. David P. Barrows, chairman of a committee appointed by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California. This committee, composed of agricultural and administrative experts, has prepared a bill which proposes the establishment of a rural credit fund with an initial capital of perhaps \$1,000,000 furnished by the state. It is proposed that this fund be loaned to farmers for approved agricultural projects on the amortization plan at low rates of interest.

ALEXANDER E. CANCE.

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